

Appl. No. 10/671,626
Amendment dated: November 23, 2005
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledged with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter and are making every effort to restrict the present application to the indicated allowable subject matter and amend the claims to overcome the objection to the drawing and the claims.

Applicants have amended the Drawings and the Specification Fig. 3 has been added to overcome the Examiner's objection without adding any new matter and in full compliance with the statutory requirements. Further, the specification has been amended without adding any new matter. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

Applicants have considered the objection to claims 5-7 concerning the parenthesis and these claims have been amended where appropriate to remove the parenthesis from the wherein definition but retained in the chemical formula in accordance with the understanding of one of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's Office Action dated August 23, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamada et al. (US 6,690,119) and the rejection of claim 1 as anticipated or under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Yu et al. (US 6,416,688). These rejections have been carefully considered but are most traversed in view of the amendments to the claims in restricting the claims to the indicated allowable subject matter.

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Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claims 2 and 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have therefore restricted the application to allowable subject matter. Further, new claims 8 and 9 have been added without adding any new matter as fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. It is believed that the subject matter of these claims is also allowable over the prior art.

Applicants believe that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action. For the reasons discussed above, applicants now respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in complete condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's rejections be withdrawn; and that claims 2 and 4-9 be allowed in their present form.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims an/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects, in order to place the case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendment or correction be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case be passed to issue.

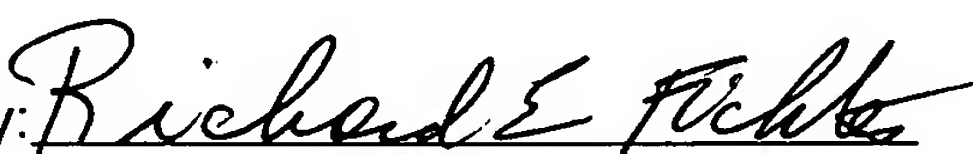
Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

In addition, it is noted that an information disclosure statement was filed in this application on November 21, 2005. This was timely filed and the necessary certificate made. Therefore, it is most respectfully requested that the information contained therein be taken into consideration in this application and the initialed and dated 1449 returned in accordance with standard practice.

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In view of the above comments and amendments to the specification, drawings and claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes a new drawing, i.e. Fig. 3. This sheet, which includes Fig. 3, is added after the original sheet including Fig. 2.

Attachment: Sheet including Fig. 3